

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Meet Wellesley's New Animal Control Officer

**February 9, 2021 (Wellesley, MA)** – Wellesley's new Animal Control Officer Jennifer "Jenny" Smith is ready to assist our furry and fluffy residents. ACO Smith joined the Wellesley Police Department on February 1, 2021, and has spent the past week getting acquainted with the community and training with recently retired ACO Sue Webb.

Jenny brings a wealth of animal experience to her new role. She grew up on a small farm in Holliston, MA, and took care of both domestic animals and large farm animals including chickens, goats, pigs, and horses, overseeing their health and well-being. Jenny has a passion for working with and training dogs and most recently managed a dog daycare where she held training classes ranging from puppy kindergarten, basic obedience, canine good citizen classes and Therapy Dog International test preparation.

She's owned her own pet-sitting business for several years and is familiar with the Town and its parks and trails where people enjoy walking their dogs.

Jenny volunteers for Therapy Dogs International where dogs are taken on therapeutic visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice patients. She's taught basic agility elements and course handling for dog competitions and also has competed in dog shows such as the Westminster Dog Show, as well as in equestrian competitions.

Officer Jenny Smith is available by email at <u>ismith@wellesleyma.gov</u> or by phone at 781-235-8460. For help with animals needing immediate assistance, contact the Wellesley Police Department dispatch at 781-235-1212.